

On May 10, 2018, petitioner filed a Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs requesting attorneys' fees in the amount of \$15,933.00 and attorneys' costs in the amount of \$1,110.19, for a total of \$17,043.19.³ Motion for Fees, ECF No. 27.

In accordance with General Order #9, petitioner's counsel represents that petitioner did not incur any out-of-pocket expenses. Motion at 1.

On May 11, 2018, respondent filed a response to petitioners' Motion for Fees. Response, ECF No. 28. Respondent provided no specific objection to the amount requested or hours worked, but instead, "respectfully recommend[ed] that the Special Master exercise her discretion and determine a reasonable award for attorneys' fees and costs." *Id.* at 3. Petitioner did not file a reply.

The Vaccine Act permits an award of "reasonable attorneys' fees" and "other costs." § 15(e)(1). Based on the reasonableness of petitioner's request, the undersigned GRANTS petitioner's motion for attorneys' fees and costs.

Accordingly, the undersigned **awards the total of \$17,043.19⁴** in the form of a check jointly payable to petitioner and petitioner's counsel, Howard Gold.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this Decision.⁵

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Mindy Michaels Roth
Mindy Michaels Roth
Special Master

³ I have made no determination as to appropriate hourly rates in this matter; I merely conclude that the total sums requested seem reasonable and appropriate.

⁴ This amount is intended to cover all legal expenses incurred in this matter. This award encompasses all charges by the attorney against a client, "advanced costs" as well as fees for legal services rendered. Furthermore, § 15(e)(3) prevents an attorney from charging or collecting fees (including costs) that would be in addition to the amount awarded herein. *See generally Beck v. Sec'y of Health & Human Servs.*, 924 F.2d 1029 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

⁵ Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review.